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## Freedom is Essential

The pandemic has been life changing for many of us. It has caused a domino effect at the highest levels of government and with that it has deeply impacted our daily lives. While this was a serious time period throughout our history, it cannot overturn our constitutional freedoms as Americans.

This past week the Assembly was in session again to vote on some extremely important bills that uphold the Constitution. One of the most important votes that I cast was to prohibit the closing of places of worship during Covid-19. The founders knew that a day may come where a government or administration would try to infringe on a person's choice of worship. To ensure this would not happen, they made it the first amendment to the Bill of Rights. While Covid has wreaked havoc throughout our country, we cannot allow it to destroy our rights. Many churches that I know have been passionate about keeping people safe and have made adjustments as we have learned more about this disease. Church is often the place we turn to in our most desperate times of need. It's a fellowship that provides for our soul and mental well-being. However someone worships, it is not okay for the government to tell us that we can no longer communicate with God together.

When it comes to restricting our freedoms, religion isn't the only thing being discussed. My colleagues and I voted on two additional bills last week that would prohibit the state or employers from requiring the Covid-19 vaccine. While people should take it if they are able and willing, it is a person's individual freedom that supersedes government mandates. Many people are unable to take the vaccine due to health problems or even religious and conscious convictions and no one should be able to require you to inject you without your permission.

If you would like to weigh in on any pending legislation or budget proposals, please feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at <a href="mailto:Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov">Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov</a>.

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